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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 913-10616-0299-145 | Date: 08/29/13 | Time: 0515 Hours

Location: [redacted] South Highland Avenue | City or Station: Los Angeles

Bureau/Station/Facility: Operation Safe Streets Bureau/ East Los Angeles | Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO

Type of Force: Takedown/ Control Holds/ Personal Weapons

Incident Category: ○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3 | Deputy Injury: ◉ YES ○ NO | Suspect Injury ◉ YES ○ NO

☐ Call ☐ Observation ☒ Detail | ☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit

IAB Notified: ◉ YES ○ NO | Person Notified: Lieutenant Michael Berg | Emp: [redacted] | IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ○ NO

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #: [redacted] | Last Name: Flores | First Name: Joel | Middle I.: | Rank: SGT

Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: H | Height: 600 | Weight: 225 | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM ◉ Day ○ PM | ◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Operation Safe Streets Bureau | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): East Los Angeles Station

Individual Force Used: Takedown/ Control Holds/ Restraint Device (Handcuffs) | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

E2

Employee #: [redacted] | Last Name: [redacted] | First Name: [redacted] | Middle I.: | Rank: [redacted]

Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: H | Height: 603 | Weight: 240 | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM [redacted] Day ○ PM | [redacted] Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: [redacted] | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): [redacted]

Individual Force Used: Personal Weapon (Fist) | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○ 1 ◉ 2 ○ 3

☒ Injured ☒ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: U.S. Healthworks Medical Group | Coroner Case #

E3

Employee #: [redacted] | Last Name: [redacted] | First Name: [redacted] | Middle I.: [redacted] | Rank: [redacted]

Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: H | Height: 508 | Weight: 220 | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM [redacted] Day ○ PM | [redacted] Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: [redacted] | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): [redacted]

Individual Force Used: Personal Weapon (Fist) | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○ 1 ◉ 2 ○ 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

On Duty Supervisor

☐ Additional Involved Employees

Emp. #: [redacted] | Last Name: Rojas | First Name: Martin | Middle I.: | Rank: SGT | Present: YES ◉ NO ○ | Witness to Incident: YES ○ NO ◉

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp. #: [redacted] | Last Name: Gibson | First Name: Brenda | Middle I.: L. | Rank: SGT | Present: YES ○ NO ◉ | Witness to Incident: YES ○ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp. #: [redacted] | Last Name: Ortiz | First Name: Albert | Middle I.: M. | Rank: LT

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature**: | Date | Copy Provided to Employee by: | Emp #:

Robert M. Rifkin | | [redacted]

Unit Commander (**Print Name**) | Unit Commander's **Signature**: | Emp #: | Date

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☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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INVOLVED EMPLOYEE - Continuation

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Involved Employee

E 4

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
○ M ◉ F	H	506	165	[redacted]	○ EM [redacted] Day ○ PM	[redacted] Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
[redacted]	[redacted]

Individual Force Used:		Individual Category
Control Hold/ Restraint Device (Handcuffs)	◯ Directed ◯ Rescue ◯ Medical Assist	◉ 1 ◯ 2 ◯ 3
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______		Coroner Case #

E_

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
○ M ○ F					○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:		Individual Category
	◯ Directed ◯ Rescue ◯ Medical Assist	◯ 1 ◯ 2 ◯ 3
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______		Coroner Case #

E_

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
○ M ○ F					○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:		Individual Category
	◯ Directed ◯ Rescue ◯ Medical Assist	◯ 1 ◯ 2 ◯ 3
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______		Coroner Case #

E_

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
○ M ○ F					○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:		Individual Category
	◯ Directed ◯ Rescue ◯ Medical Assist	◯ 1 ◯ 2 ◯ 3
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______		Coroner Case #

E_

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
○ M ○ F					○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:		Individual Category
	◯ Directed ◯ Rescue ◯ Medical Assist	◯ 1 ◯ 2 ◯ 3
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______		Coroner Case #

Supervisor's Report on Use of Fo.ce
SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Walker | First Name: Ronnie | Middle Name: Houston | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: (●) Male ( ) Female | Race: B | Age: [redacted] | Height: 510 | Weight: 160 | D.O.B: 02/23/90 | Phone #1: (●) H ( ) W ( ) C [redacted] | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 3694073 | Primary Charge Code: 148 P.C. | Secondary Charge Code: 3056 P.C. | [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? (●) YES ( ) NO | Name: Los Angeles City Fire | Unit: Station 68 | Phone #: (213) 485-6268

Hospital Admission? ☒ | Rec'd Treatment At: Olympia Medical Center | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Doctor Nathan Mjos | Address: 5900 Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles | Phone #: (310) 657-5900

Under Influence: ( ) YES (●) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES (●) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: 08/28/13 | Time: 0655 | ☐ Audiotape: | ☒ Videotape: | ☒ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Dearmas	Ernesto	J.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Operation Safe Streets	East Los Angeles station	◯ EM ◉ Day ◯ PM	◉ Regular ◯ OT ◯ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
[redacted]	[redacted]	◯ EM [redacted]ay ◯ PM	[redacted]Regular ◯ OT ◯ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Lopez	Noel	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Operation Safe Streets	East Los Angeles station	◯ EM ◉ Day ◯ PM	◉ Regular ◯ OT ◯ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]		57	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]		39	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	56	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]		52	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]		50	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]		29	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

☐ Additional Witness

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION - Continuation

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Cervantes	David	R.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Operation Safe Streets	East Los Angeles station	○ EM ◉ Day ○ PM	○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
		○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
		○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Walker, Ronnie	S# 1	[redacted]	E# 2	RS	ST	HD
Walker, Ronnie	S# 1	Flores, Joel	E# 1	RS	NN	
Flores, Joel	E# 1	Walker, Ronnie	S# 1	TD	LC	AR
Flores, Joel	E# 1	Walker, Ronnie	S# 1	CT	NN	
Walker, Ronnie	S# 1	[redacted]	E# 2	RS	NN	
[redacted]	E# 2	Walker, Ronnie	S# 1	PH	NN	
Walker, Ronnie	S# 1	[redacted]	E# 3	RS	NN	
[redacted]	E# 3	Walker, Ronnie	S# 1	PH	NN	
Walker, Ronnie	S# 1	Flores, Joel	E# 1	RS	NN	
Flores, Joel	E# 1	Walker, Ronnie	S# 1	RH	NN	
Walker, Ronnie	S# 1	[redacted]	E# 4	RS	NN	
[redacted]	E# 4	Walker, Ronnie	S# 1	RH	NN	

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

FORCE EVALUATION SUMMARY

UNIT:	Detective Division / Operation Safe Streets Bureau
DATE / TIME:	August 29, 2013, Thursday, 0515 hours
LOCATION:	[redacted] South Highland Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90016
URN #:	913-10616-0299-145
IAB #:	FO2340414

On-call Internal Affairs Bureau personnel Lieutenant Michael Berg, along with Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Dinah Grote responded to the Operation Safe Streets East Los Angeles Station office regarding the hospitalization of a suspect following a use of force incident.

This investigation is based on statements by the involved deputies, witnesses at the scene and the information obtained during the investigation, along with various written documentation.

SYNOPSIS

The Operations Safe Streets (OSS) Bureau's East Los Angeles team assisted the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) with an operation involving a parole search of one of fifty-two locations they planned to serve search and/ or arrest warrants.

> **IAB Note:** A copy of the FBI Arrest/Search Plan entitled, "Operation Thumbs Down: Harlem Shake-Up," is included with this case. See **Exhibit A,** page 53.

OSS Operations Sergeant Jorge Valdez #[redacted] prepared an operations plan (**Exhibit B**). In addition, OSS Sergeant Martin Rojas, the incident commander during this incident, prepared a Search Warrant Preparation Check List (See **Exhibit C**) and organized a tactical briefing. OSS Detectives Noel Lopez and [redacted] gave the briefing.

Sergeants Rojas and Ernesto Dearmas as well as OSS Detectives [redacted] and David Cervantes attended the briefing. FBI Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] also attended.

IAB Note: A copy of the Detective Division Operations Plan Briefing Log is included with this case. See **Exhibit D**.

The East LA OSS team responded to [redacted] South Highland Avenue, in Los Angeles, to conduct a parole compliance search. Suspect Ronnie Walker, identified as a "Rollin' 30's" Harlem Crip gang member, lived at the location. Detectives [redacted] and Sergeant Flores contained the rear of the location while FBI Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] contained the front. Detective Cervantes was positioned in the north/south alley behind the residence. Sergeants Rojas and Dearmas along with Detectives Lopez, [redacted] and [redacted] approached the front of the residence. The detectives knocked on the door and identified themselves. Meanwhile, Sergeant Flores and Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] detained Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] on the side of the residence. Witness [redacted] opened the door and walked out of the residence with Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] who were all detained by LAPD officers in front of the residence. Witness [redacted] was inside a residence behind the target location.

Suspect Walker ran out the back door of the target residence, where Detective [redacted] ordered him to stop as he tried to grab Suspect Walker's legs to stop him from running. Detective [redacted] missed, fell and hurt his right hand when it struck the building. Suspect Walker continued running until he collided with Sergeant Flores and they both fell, causing Suspect Walker to fall into a glass window where he sustained two lacerations to his right arm. Suspect Walker continued resisting and tried to get up numerous times. Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] ordered him to stop fighting several times, but he failed to comply. Detective [redacted] punched Suspect Walker twice; once on his upper right chest area and once on his left chest area. Detective [redacted] punched Suspect Walker twice on the area around his left eye. Detective [redacted] assisted Detective [redacted] in pulling Suspect Walker's left arm behind his back where Detective [redacted] handcuffed his wrist. Detective [redacted] then handcuffed Suspect Walker with his hands in front due to the apparent injury to Suspect Walker's right arm.

Detective [redacted] applied quick clot combat absorbent gauze to Suspect Walker's wounds while Detectives [redacted] and Cervantes applied tactical trauma dressing bandages. In addition, Los Angeles City Fire Engine Company 68, under the command of Captain Alexander, responded and treated Suspect Walker at the scene. Los Angeles City Ambulance #861, accompanied by Detective Balderrama, transported Suspect Walker to Olympia Medical Center while Detective Cervantes followed. Suspect Walker was treated by Doctor Mjos. Plastic Surgeon Doctor Tahernia performed the surgery on Suspect Walker and repaired the two lacerations on his right arm (Patient Number 000426095).

Suspect Walker received an okay for booking and was transported to East Los Angeles Station where he was booked for Resisting a Peace Officer in Performance of Duties, 148(a) (1) P.C. and Parole Violation, 3056 P.C.

IAB Note: Sergeant Flores wrote the Incident Report. Detectives [redacted] Lopez and [redacted] wrote Supplemental reports. All aforementioned reports are included with this case as **Exhibit E**.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:

Flores, Joel, Sergeant, #[redacted]
Operation Safe Streets Bureau
Detective Division

Date of Employment:	05-25-1994
Date assigned to unit:	12-15-2013
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents:	SH2013164/ 05-21-2000; SH2208192/ 11-09-2007; SH2341455/ 09-17-2013

[redacted] Detective, #[redacted]
Detective Division

Date of Employment:	04-10-1996
Date assigned to unit:	04-20-2008
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents:	SH2247465/ 07-25-2009

[redacted] Detective, #[redacted]
Detective Division

Date of Employment:	07-23-1991
Date assigned to unit:	01-24-2010
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents:	SH2101480/ 10-11-2003; SH2341455/ 09-17-2013

[redacted] Detective, #[redacted]
Detective Division

Date of Employment:	01-11-2001
Date assigned to unit:	12-10-2006
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents:	

SWORN WITNESSES

Rojas, Martin, Sergeant, #[redacted]
Operation Safe Streets Bureau
Detective Division
Date of Employment: 10-20-1989
Date assigned to unit: 06-11-2009
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents:

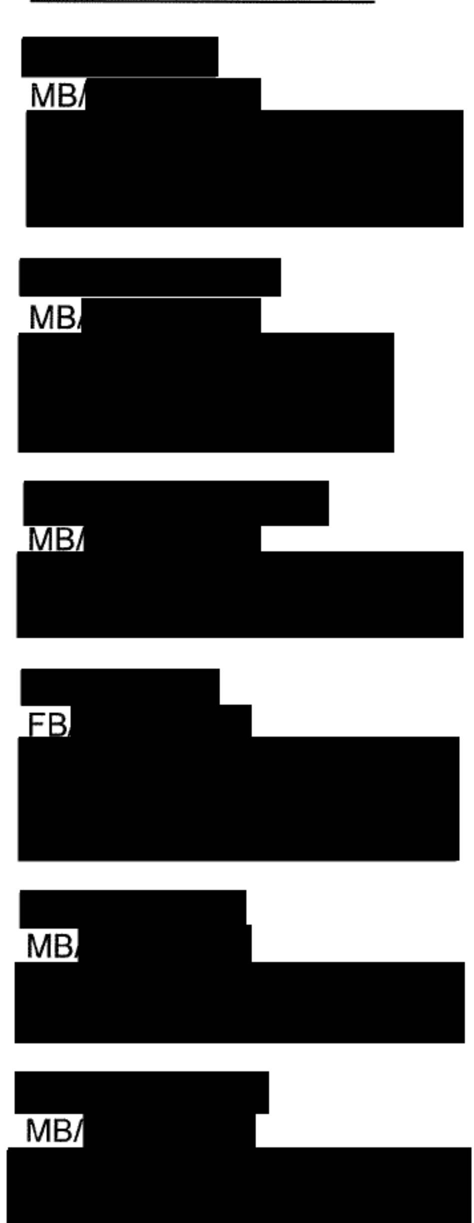
Dearmas, Ernesto, Sergeant, #[redacted]
Operation Safe Streets Bureau
Detective Division
Date of Employment: 07-26-1988
Date assigned to unit: 06-08-2008
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents: SH523253/ 08-04-1991; SH523185/ 04-25-1996

[redacted] #[redacted]
Date of Employment: 03-23-1999
Date assigned to unit: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:
Prior Shooting Incidents:

Lopez, Noel, Detective, #[redacted]
Operation Safe Streets Bureau
Detective Division
Date of Employment: 08-16-2001
Date assigned to unit: 01-20-2013
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents: SH2246592/ 07-11-2009

Cervantes, David, Detective, #[redacted]
Operation Safe Streets Bureau
Detective Division
Date of Employment: 09-12-1993
Date assigned to unit: 12-06-2009
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents:

CIVILIAN WITNESSES:



[redacted]
MB/[redacted]

[redacted]
MB/[redacted]

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MB/[redacted]

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FB/[redacted]

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MB/[redacted]

[redacted]
MB/[redacted]

INVOLVED SUSPECT:

Walker, Ronnie Houston

Sex:	Male
Race:	Black
Date of Birth:	February 23, 1990
Booking Number:	3694073
Charge(s):	Resisting/Obstructing an Officer in Performance of Duties, 148(a) (1) P.C.

Injuries: 15 cm laceration to right medial arm (bicep muscle) and 10 cm laceration to right shoulder (deltoid muscle) as a result of falling into a glass window.

A check of the Consolidated Criminal History System [redacted] His Consolidated Criminal History System printout and his booking packet are included with this case. See **Exhibit F**.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURED:

Detective [redacted] sprained his right hand when he struck a wall while attempting to detain Suspect Walker. His injury was documented in a separate report under file number 013-00216-2413-502.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

Photographs of Suspect Walker's injury to his right shoulder and arm were taken and are documented in this report (**Exhibit G**).

INVESTIGATORS OBSERVATIONS:

The physical evidence in this case is corroborated by the involved personnel, witnesses and suspect interviews.

WEAPONS USED BY INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

Sergeant Flores used a takedown maneuver on Suspect Walker, control holds on his legs, and handcuffed him.

Detective [redacted] punched Suspect Walker once on the right side of his upper body with his right hand and once on his left chest area.

Detective [redacted] punched Suspect Walker twice on his left eye area with his right fist.

Detective [redacted] used control holds on Suspect Walker's left wrist.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT:

Suspect Walker was uncooperative and resisted the detectives' efforts to apprehend him by flailing his legs and turning his torso.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

The glass window on the south side of the rear residence was shattered. The glass was already cracked and had tape along the crack.

CHARGES FILED AND DISPOSITONS:

Suspect Walker was arrested for Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer in Performance of Duty, 148(a) (1) P.C. and for a Parole Hold, 3056 P.C. He was issued a citation (Z298942) for the 148(a) (1) P.C. charge and his parole hold was released. This case was reviewed and rejected by Deputy District Attorney Sahagian on October 11, 2013. Suspect Walker currently has a no bail felony warrant [redacted] and two misdemeanor warrants [redacted]

WEATHER AND LIGHTING CONDITIONS:

Dark, misty early morning hours

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS:

The following is a summary of the recorded interviews of the involved employee statements to Internal Affairs Bureau investigators. For additional information, refer to the attached verbatim transcripts included with this case under Transcribed Interviews.

Sergeant Joel Flores was interviewed on April 23, 2014, at 1009 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Dinah Grote at Internal Affairs Bureau. He was represented by Attorney Audra Call from Green and Shinee Law Firm. The interview was digitally, audio recorded.

Sergeant Flores has been employed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for twenty years. He had been a detective working the Operations Safe Streets Bureau's East Los Angeles team for six years. He worked with Detectives [redacted] Lopez, [redacted] and Sergeants Dearmas and Rojas. He worked with Detective [redacted] for about ten years and the length of time he worked with the other aforementioned detectives and sergeants varied.

> **IAB Note:** Sergeant Flores was a detective at the time of this incident. He promoted to the rank of Sergeant on December 15, 2013.

Detectives Lopez and [redacted] held a tactical briefing a few miles away from the target location in Los Angeles. During the briefing the detectives discussed the layout of the location, the suspect's description and reason paroled. Team assignments were also discussed and everyone knew their assignments prior to going to the location. Sergeant Flores was assigned rear containment with Detectives [redacted] and [redacted]

Sergeants Dearmas and Rojas with Detectives Lopez, [redacted] and [redacted] were on the entry team. The detectives and sergeants went to the location with Los Angeles Police Officers [redacted] and [redacted] as well as Federal Agents [redacted] and [redacted] to assist with a parole search for the suspect, a Rollin 30's gang member. The team parked a couple of properties west of the location and approached on foot. Detective Cervantes took a position in an alley at the rear of the location. It was dark outside and Sergeant Flores did not recall if the street lights were working. Neither he nor team members used a flashlight during their approach, but Sergeant Flores illuminated the back of the residence with his flashlight.

As the entry team approached the front door, Sergeant Flores and Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] walked through the open chain linked fence and took positions behind the front residence. They then immediately contacted and detained Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] Sergeant Flores advised team members via the portable radio that they were detaining two. He then took a position further south about fifteen to twenty feet away from Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] to cover the westerly door. An entry team member advised via the radio that a person was running out the rear door of the front residence. Sergeant Flores saw the person, wearing only boxer shorts, and recognized him as the suspect. Detective [redacted] ordered the suspect to stop. The suspect did not comply and continued running west on the concrete porch. Detective [redacted] attempted to wrap his arms around the suspect's legs to stop him, but was unsuccessful.

Sergeant Flores ordered the suspect to stop continuously, but he failed to comply and continued running towards him. Sergeant Flores holstered his gun then wrapped his arms around the suspect's left lower torso and legs and attempted to tackle him. They both fell causing the suspect to fall into the south facing window of the rear house, shattering it. Sergeant Flores did not use pepper spray because the suspect was running fast and he did not have time to. The suspect continued resisting by flailing his arms and turning his torso. Sergeant Flores grabbed the rear of the suspect's boxer shorts with his left hand and they fell facedown onto the concrete porch of the rear residence. The suspect then immediately used his arms and upper torso as he lifted up and attempted to break free of Sergeant Flores' grasp by pulling his knees towards his upper torso.

Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] approached and ordered the suspect to stop resisting as they tried to gain control of his upper torso and arms, but he did not comply. Detective [redacted] punched the suspect in the face and Detective [redacted] punched him in the upper torso. Sergeant Flores did not see how many times the suspect was punched, but the suspect became less resistive. Sergeant Flores and Detective [redacted] gained control of the suspect's left wrist and handcuffed him.

IAB Note: On the picture depicting the front of the location, Sergeant Flores marked the team's approach to the residence and his path through the chain link fence. On the picture depicting the rear of the location, he marked his positions before and during the force, Detective [redacted] position before the force, Detective [redacted] positions before and during the force and Detective [redacted] position during the force. See **Exhibit H.**

Detective [redacted] was interviewed on April 23, 2014, at 1129 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Catrina Khasaempanth at Internal Affairs Bureau. He was represented by Attorney Audra Call from Green and Shinee Law Firm. The interview was digitally, audio recorded.

Detective [redacted] has been employed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for over twenty-two years. He had been a detective at Operation Safe Streets Bureau since January of 2010, assigned to East Los Angeles station. He worked with Detectives [redacted] Lopez, [redacted] and [redacted] for several years and with Sergeant Flores since 1999. Detective [redacted] and the team went to the location regarding a parole compliance search which was part of a large multi-location search warrant parole compliance operation spearheaded by the Los Angeles Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation. Detectives [redacted] and Lopez held a tactical briefing at a secondary meeting point within five minutes of the target location (See ***Detective*** [redacted] ***Transcribed Interview, pages 4-5***, for a detailed description of what was discussed during the briefing).

The team drove to the location and parked their vehicles one behind the other, two or three residences to the right of the location. Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] along with Sergeant Dearmas were positioned behind Detectives [redacted] and Lopez. The team walked along the sidewalk and had some cover. It was a dark, cool morning. Detective [redacted] carried a Department issued Taser and everyone had Oleoresin Capsicum Pepper Spray. In addition, everyone on the team wore green Sheriff's identification jackets with green Sheriff's vest covers embroidered with five inch yellow letters spelling "Sheriff" on the back. On the front there was a Sheriff's star and a small Sheriff's patch in approximately two and a half inch letters. The identification jacket had Los Angeles County Sheriff's insignia identifiers in yellow on both sides where the patches would have been. Detective [redacted] had his weapon drawn. He took a position in the driveway along the south side of the residence behind a parked vehicle where he had a visual of the front and side. He utilized the side of the residence as cover and concealment.

IAB Note: On the photograph depicting the front of the location, Detective [redacted] marked his position, the two LAPD officers' positions as well as Sergeant Flores and Detective [redacted] positions along the south side of the residence. In addition, on the picture depicting the rear of the location, he marked his position, Sergeants Flores and Dearmas' positions as well as the suspect. See **Exhibit I**.

Detective [redacted] said the location was contained as best as possible prior to entering. Several individuals walked out of the front of the residence and were detained by Los Angeles Police Officers [redacted] and [redacted] In addition, Detective [redacted] or Sergeant Flores advised they were going to contact individuals in the rear of the location.

After team members entered the residence, Detective [redacted] heard Detective Lopez state over the radio, "He's running to the rear!" He looked down the driveway and saw Suspect Walker running towards Detective [redacted] Detective [redacted] ran down the driveway towards the rear of the residence to assist.

Detective [redacted] attempted to grab Suspect Walker's lower legs, but missed. Suspect Walker continued running towards Sergeant Flores. Sergeant Flores squatted down as he grabbed Suspect Walker around the abdomen and right leg. Sergeant Flores fell backwards which caused Suspect Walker to lose his balance. Suspect Walker fell forward and to his right, into a glass window in the rear property of the location. He then fell forward onto a concrete porch along with Sergeant Flores. As Sergeant Flores held on to Suspect Walker's lower body with his arms, Suspect Walker attempted to push away from his grasp. Detective [redacted] attempted to grab one of Suspect Walker's arms, but was unsuccessful. He could not see Suspect Walker's right hand which was underneath his body. He ordered Suspect Walker three times to stop resisting and to show his right hand, but he failed to comply. Instead, Suspect Walker cursed and yelled at them as he continued to struggle. Detective [redacted] punched Suspect Walker with his right fist twice on his left eye area. Suspect Walker looked up at Detective [redacted] and resisted less. Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] also ordered Suspect Walker to stop resisting. Suspect Walker moved his right arm from underneath his body and Detective [redacted] saw a laceration on his right bicep area. Sergeant Flores and Detective [redacted] pulled Suspect Walker's left arm behind his back and handcuffed him. Detective [redacted] reported his force used to Sergeants Rojas and Dearmas.

Detective [redacted] was interviewed on March 27, 2014, at 1002 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Louis Vigil at Internal Affairs Bureau. He was represented by Attorney Adam Marangell from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Professional Association. The interview was digitally, audio recorded.

Detective [redacted] is an eighteen year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department with three years as a detective at Operations Safe Streets Bureau.

During this incident, his supervisors were Sergeants Dearmas and Rojas. Detective [redacted] worked with Sergeant Flores and Detectives [redacted] [redacted] Lopez and [redacted] In addition, two peace officers from outside agencies were also present. Detective [redacted] worked with most team members his entire tenure at the Bureau. The team also practiced and served search warrants together.

A tactical briefing was held at a location near the target address. All team members attended the briefing. The lineup, containment positions and less lethal options were discussed (*See* ***Detective*** [redacted] ***Transcribed Interview pages 5-6***). The team parked about [redacted] of the location and approached on foot. It was dark and lighting was dim, but Detective [redacted] did not use a flashlight. Team members used the walls of the home [redacted] of the target residence as cover during their approach.

Sergeant Flores and Detective [redacted] walked towards the rear of the location to contain it. Detective [redacted] heard Sergeant Flores giving verbal commands to individuals in the rear and he walked back to assist. He saw Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] with their hands in the air. The witnesses then put their hands on a car parked in the driveway as instructed. Detective [redacted] conducted a "pat down" search of the men while Detective [redacted] covered him from about seven feet away. Sergeant Flores walked towards the back yard to check for additional persons.

Detective [redacted] heard someone running inside the location heading towards the rear. He then heard someone inside the residence yell, "He's running!" He saw Suspect Walker sprint out the back door wearing only boxer shorts. He ordered him to stop, but he continued running west towards him and up the first set of stairs. Suspect Walker was approximately five feet from Detective [redacted] when he "lunged" at Suspect Walker's feet to stop him. Detective [redacted] missed and fell onto the steps, striking his right hand on the stucco of the rear building.

Approximately thirty feet away, Detective [redacted] saw Suspect Walker run up the second set of stairs where he collided with Sergeant Flores. He heard glass shattering then saw Sergeant Flores on the ground holding onto Suspect Walker's legs while Suspect Walker attempted to get up. Detective [redacted] ordered Suspect Walker to stop fighting, but he failed to comply. Detective [redacted] punched Suspect Walker once on the right side of his upper body with his right fist. Suspect Walker continued to resist by pushing himself up. Detective [redacted] ordered him to stop fighting again, but he failed to comply. Detective [redacted] punched Suspect Walker a second time, on his left chest area.

IAB Note: On the photograph depicting the rear of the location, Detective [redacted] marked his position, as well as Sergeant Flores', Detective [redacted] and Suspect Walker's positions during the force. See **Exhibit J.**

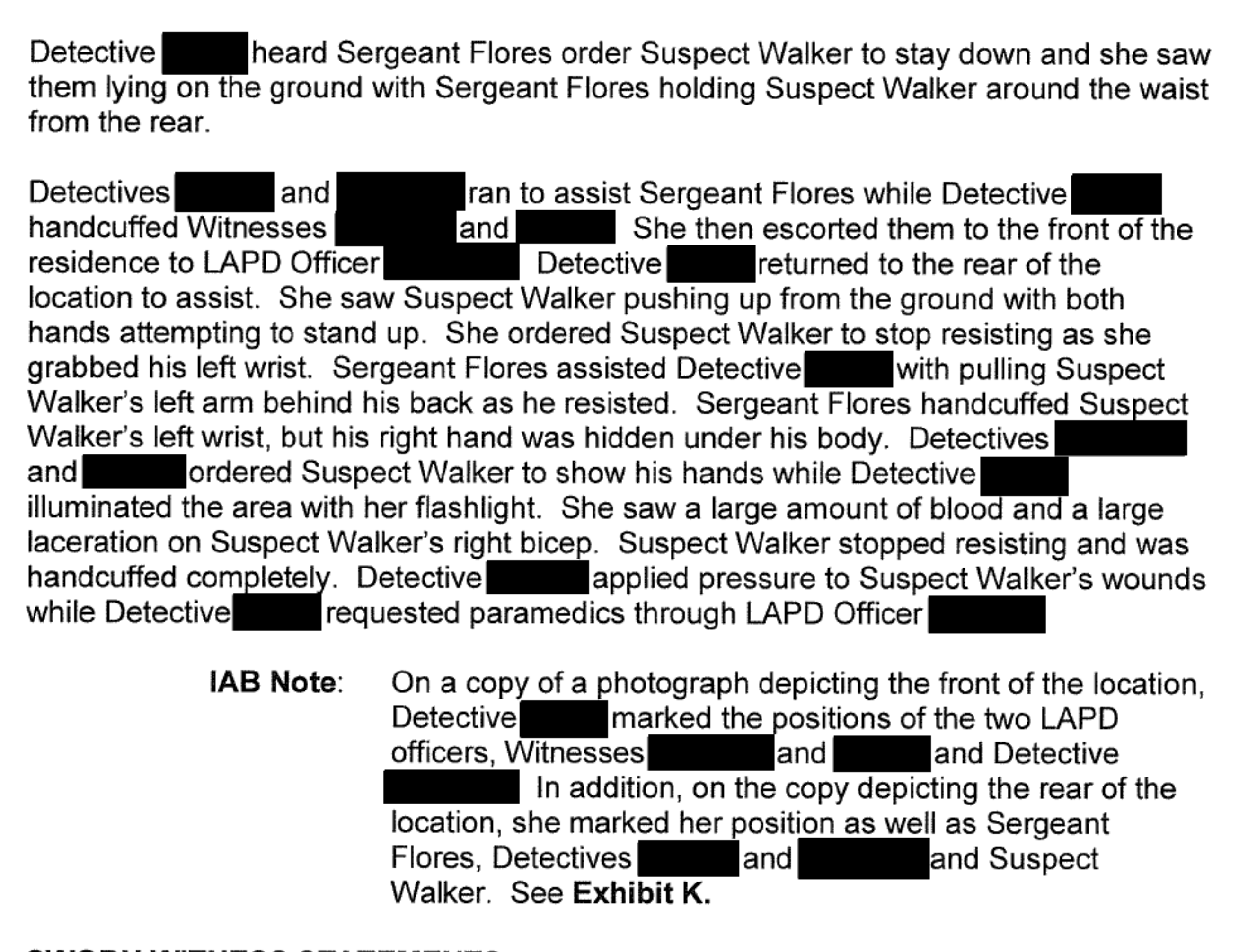
Detective [redacted] responded and ordered Suspect Walker to remove his hand from beneath his upper body, but he did not comply. Detective [redacted] punched Suspect Walker twice on the left side of his face. Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] ordered Suspect Walker to stop resisting several more times before he finally complied and was handcuffed. Detective [redacted] reported his force used to Sergeant Rojas.

Detective [redacted] was interviewed on April 24, 2014, at 1105 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Dinah Grote at Internal Affairs Bureau. She was represented by Attorney Audra Call from Green and Shinee Law Firm. The interview was digitally, audio recorded.

Detective [redacted] is a thirteen year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department with almost seven years as a detective at Operations Safe Streets Bureau. During this incident, her supervisors were Sergeants Dearmas and Rojas. Detective [redacted] worked with Sergeant Flores and Detectives [redacted] Lopez, [redacted] and [redacted] In addition, two LAPD officers and two FBI agents assisted. Detective [redacted] worked with each of the above team members for at least three years.

A tactical briefing was held in a church parking lot in Los Angeles. Detectives Lopez and [redacted] discussed the lineup, local hospital, radio frequency and specific concerns about the location (See ***Detective*** [redacted] ***Transcribed Interview page 4***). Detective [redacted] and Sergeant Flores were tasked with containing the rear of the location. The two LAPD officers were assigned to wait in front of the location to assist with detaining witnesses while the FBI agents were assigned to wait by the radio cars until the location was cleared. It was a cool morning and it was still dark, but Detective [redacted] did not use a flashlight when she approached the residence. Her weapon was drawn and she cleared a vehicle parked in the driveway before entering an open gate leading to the rear of the residence. Detective [redacted] and Sergeant Flores immediately saw Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] approaching them from the rear of the residence. She advised team members that two people were approaching from the rear then detained them near the parked car in the driveway with the help of Sergeant Flores and Detective [redacted] Detective [redacted] explained that she and Detective [redacted] conducted a pat down search for weapons on each witness while Sergeant Flores covered them from the rear of the residence.

Detective [redacted] heard Detective Lopez knock on the front door of the residence as he announced, "Sheriff's Department." She heard the sound of running feet inside the residence approaching the rear door followed by radio traffic that someone was running out the back door. The rear door opened and Suspect Walker ran out of the residence. Detective [redacted] ordered him to stop, but he looked in her direction then ran down the back steps towards the rear yard. Detective [redacted] attempted to grab Suspect Walker's legs, but missed and fell onto the ground. Sergeant Flores squatted in a "football" position and bear hugged Suspect Walker around the waist from the front. They both fell in a northerly direction and Detective [redacted] heard glass breaking, but her view was obstructed.



Detective [redacted] heard Sergeant Flores order Suspect Walker to stay down and she saw them lying on the ground with Sergeant Flores holding Suspect Walker around the waist from the rear.

Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] ran to assist Sergeant Flores while Detective [redacted] handcuffed Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] She then escorted them to the front of the residence to LAPD Officer [redacted] Detective [redacted] returned to the rear of the location to assist. She saw Suspect Walker pushing up from the ground with both hands attempting to stand up. She ordered Suspect Walker to stop resisting as she grabbed his left wrist. Sergeant Flores assisted Detective [redacted] with pulling Suspect Walker's left arm behind his back as he resisted. Sergeant Flores handcuffed Suspect Walker's left wrist, but his right hand was hidden under his body. Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] ordered Suspect Walker to show his hands while Detective [redacted] illuminated the area with her flashlight. She saw a large amount of blood and a large laceration on Suspect Walker's right bicep. Suspect Walker stopped resisting and was handcuffed completely. Detective [redacted] applied pressure to Suspect Walker's wounds while Detective [redacted] requested paramedics through LAPD Officer [redacted]

IAB Note: On a copy of a photograph depicting the front of the location, Detective [redacted] marked the positions of the two LAPD officers, Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] and Detective [redacted] In addition, on the copy depicting the rear of the location, she marked her position as well as Sergeant Flores, Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] and Suspect Walker. See **Exhibit K.**

<u>SWORN WITNESS STATEMENTS:</u>

The following is a summary of the recorded interviews of the sworn witness statements to Internal Affairs Bureau investigators. For additional information, refer to the attached verbatim transcripts included with this case under Transcribed Interviews.

Sergeant Ernesto Dearmas was interviewed on March 26, 2014, 2014, at 1014 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Dinah Grote at Internal Affairs Bureau. He was represented by Teresa Machado from the Professional Peace Officers' Association. The interview was digitally, audio recorded.

Sergeant Dearmas has been employed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for over twenty-five years. He has been a sergeant for eight years. He supervised the Operations Safe Streets (OSS) Bureau team assigned to East Los Angeles station for six years. The team usually consisted of six detectives. On August 29, 2013, Sergeant Dearmas assisted agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation with a parole search of the residence located at [redacted] South Highland Avenue in Los Angeles. The target at the location was Suspect Walker.

IAB Note: A copy of the Federal Bureau of Investigations Arrest/Search Plan entitled "Operation Thumbs Down: Harlem Shake-Up," is included with this case. See **Exhibit A**.

Sergeant Dearmas said the team members were listed on the Operations Plan prepared by Operations Sergeant Jorge Valdez #[redacted](See **Exhibit B**, page 7). Sergeant Dearmas and Sergeant Martin Rojas held a tactical briefing in a parking lot in downtown Los Angeles with the team before going to the location. Sergeant Rojas was the incident commander that day.

IAB Note: A copy of the Detective Division Operations Plan Briefing Log is included with this case. See **Exhibit D**.

During the briefing, the team discussed a plan and assigned positions. The team also discussed the layout of the location and less lethal options (*See **Sergeant Dearmas' Transcribed Interview, pages 4-7***). Sergeant Dearmas drove to the location in a Sheriff's Department's Tahoe, parked a couple of houses away from the location and approached on foot with his team. It was dark, but team members did not use a flash light while approaching the residence. Cover and concealment was available, but Sergeant Dearmas did not remember if the team used it. Sergeant Flores and Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] went to the rear of the location while two FBI agents remained in the front yard to detain suspects. Sergeants Dearmas and Rojas with Detectives Lopez, [redacted] and [redacted] approached the front door.

IAB Note: On a copy of a photograph depicting the front of the location, Sergeant Dearmas marked his position, as well as Sergeant Rojas', Sergeant Flores', Detectives [redacted] and FBI's positions before the door knock. See **Exhibit L.**

Detective Lopez or Sergeant Rojas knocked on the door and announced that the Sheriff's Department was present. Witness [redacted] answered the door and allowed the team inside. Suspect Walker ran out from one of the back bedrooms towards the rear of the house. Detective Lopez communicated with team members by yelling or via the hand held radio that Suspect Walker was running towards the back. Sergeant Dearmas cleared the interior of the residence then went outside to check on the status of Suspect Walker. Sergeant Dearmas saw Suspect Walker on some steps in the rear of the location. He also saw Detective [redacted] and other deputy personnel around him. Sergeant Flores and Detective [redacted] reported their force used to Sergeant Dearmas (*See **Sergeant Dearmas' Transcribed Interview, page 16***).

IAB Note: On a copy of a photograph depicting the rear of the location, Sergeant Dearmas marked the area he saw Suspect Walker in. See **Exhibit L.**

Lieutenant Albert Ortiz #[redacted] interviewed Suspect Walker at Olympia Hospital. Sergeant Dearmas recorded the interviews of Suspect Walker and witnesses as well as the pre and post videos of the target location. (See **DVD labeled Suspect and Witness Interviews and CD labeled Pre/Post Search Video included with this case as Exhibit Q**).

Sergeant Martin Rojas was interviewed on April 24, 2014, at 1202 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Dinah Grote at Internal Affairs Bureau. He was represented by Teresa Machado from the Professional Peace Officers' Association. The interview was digitally, audio recorded.

Sergeant Rojas is a twenty five year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. He has been a sergeant for about five years. Sergeant Rojas supervised the OSS team assigned to East Los Angeles station for two years and has served about forty search warrants with the team. Sergeants Rojas, Dearmas and Flores with Detectives [redacted] and Lopez went to the location to conduct a parole compliance search.

> **IAB Note:** Sergeant Rojas completed the Search Warrant Preparation Checklist. See **Exhibit C**.

A tactical briefing was conducted by Detectives Lopez and [redacted] prior to going to the location. The team also used a tactical frequency. Detective Lopez was assigned to enter the location first followed by Detective [redacted] Sergeant Rojas, Detective [redacted] and Sergeant Flores. Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] were assigned to cover the rear of the location while Canine Handler, Detective Cervantes, was assigned to cover the alley behind the location. In addition, the two LAPD officers and two FBI Special Agents were assigned to remain outside on the street since they did not train with the team.

The team parked [redacted] of the location and approached on foot utilizing other houses as cover and concealment. It was very cold and dark outside, but the team did not use a flashlight during their approach. However, since it was very dark in the back yard, team members illuminated the area with minimal lighting to get into position. Sergeant Rojas knocked on the door and ordered the residents out of the location. In addition, he recorded the knock and notice announcement (See **CD labeled Knock and Notice included with this case as Exhibit Q**).

> **IAB Note:** On a copy of a photograph depicting the front of the location, Sergeant Rojas marked his position prior to the door knock. He also marked the position of a team member who stood across from him. He did not recall the identity of that team member. See **Exhibit M.**

Sergeant Rojas stated Suspect Walker ran out the back of the residence before the team had the residents detained in front of the residence and before the team entered. He heard team members yelling, "He's running!" "He's running!" Sergeant Rojas did not chase Suspect Walker because team members had the rear of the location contained. Sergeants Rojas and Dearmas with Detectives [redacted] and Lopez cleared the residence within three minutes then exited through the back door. Sergeant Rojas said he saw Suspect Walker lying on top of the staircase of the residence west of the target location behind it.

IAB Note: On a copy of a photograph depicting the rear of the location, Sergeant Rojas marked the area he saw Suspect Walker lying. In addition, he said Sergeant Dearmas and Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] were in the rear of the location too, but they were not standing in a "static" position. See **Exhibit M.**

Sergeant Rojas said Sergeant Dearmas was the primary sergeant during this incident and was assigned to take the handle on any force used. Sergeant Rojas did not recall any detective reporting force used to him. However, he completed the injury report documenting Detective [redacted] injury during this incident.

[redacted] was interviewed on April 24, 2014, at 1008 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Dinah Grote at Internal Affairs Bureau. He was represented by Attorney Audra Call from Green and Shinee Law Firm. The interview was digitally, audio recorded.

[redacted] is a sixteen year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department [redacted] During this incident, his supervisors were Sergeants Dearmas and Rojas. He worked with Sergeant Flores and Detectives Lopez, [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] In addition, LAPD officers and FBI agents assisted. [redacted]

[redacted] and Lopez attended a mass briefing at the LAPD Parker Center about a week before the incident. FBI Special Agents and LAPD Liaisons gave the briefing. [redacted] and team mates were tasked with going to the target location to conduct a parole search. [redacted] and Lopez gave a tactical briefing to team members before responding to the target location (See [redacted] ***Transcribed Interview pages 5 to 6 for a detailed description of what was discussed***).

Team members parked north of the location and approached on foot as they walked southbound along the west curb line towards the residence. [redacted] said they used a tree as cover. Detective Lopez was in front of [redacted] and they both had their weapons drawn. It was dark outside, but the street lights were illuminated.

[redacted] did not recall where he was standing prior to the door knock, but he provided cover for Detective Lopez. Furthermore, [redacted] stated Sergeant Rojas was in the number three position behind him.

Witness [redacted] opened the front door and both she and Witness [redacted] exited the residence. [redacted] said he and Detective Lopez both yelled at team members advising them that Suspect Walker was running, then he heard the sound of glass breaking. [redacted] and Lopez with Sergeant Rojas made sure the rest of the residence was cleared of additional suspects.

After [redacted] exited the residence via the back door, he saw Suspect Walker lying on his "right lateral side" and Detective [redacted] was applying direct pressure to the right side of Suspect Walker's body. [redacted] applied combat gauze to Suspect Walker's right bicep and pressure to his right shoulder area because he was bleeding profusely. He also said someone requested paramedics.

> **IAB Note:** On a copy of a photograph depicting the rear of the location, [redacted] marked the areas he saw Suspect Walker lying and Detective [redacted] standing. Sergeants Flores and Dearmas with Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] were present, but they were not around Suspect Walker at that time. See **Exhibit N.**

[redacted] said Detective Cervantes assisted him in rendering aid to Suspect Walker after Detective [redacted] left the area. In addition, [redacted] rode in the ambulance with Suspect Walker when he was escorted to the hospital. [redacted] did not use or witness any force used on Suspect Walker.

Detective Noel Lopez was interviewed on April 23, 2014, at 1049 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Catrina Khasaempanth at Internal Affairs Bureau. He was represented by Attorney Audra Call from Green and Shinee Law Firm. The interview was digitally, audio recorded.

Detective Lopez is a twelve year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. He has worked the OSS East Los Angeles team for over a year. During this incident, his supervisors were Sergeants Dearmas and Rojas. He worked with Sergeant Flores and [redacted] and [redacted] In addition, two LAPD officers and two FBI agents assisted.

Detective Lopez held the first position followed by [redacted] but he did not recall the positions held by the rest of the team. His weapon was drawn as he approached the residence. As soon as he approached, he noticed movement in the back by the driveway. The team members assigned to contain the back went to the back while Detective Lopez and the entry team approached the front door.

In addition, Detective Lopez said team members were advised by radio that the back was contained prior to the knock and notice announcement.

> **IAB Note**: On a copy of a photograph depicting the front of the location, Detective Lopez marked his position prior to the door knock. See **Exhibit O.**

Detective Lopez said after Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] exited the residence, Suspect Walker ran out the back. Detective Lopez advised the team by radio that Suspect Walker ran towards the back. After he checked the residence for additional suspects, he went to the backyard where he saw detectives rendering aid to Suspect Walker. Detective Lopez did not use or witness any force used on Suspect Walker.

Detective David Cervantes was interviewed on April 1, 2014, at 1117 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Louis Vigil at Internal Affairs Bureau. Detective Cervantes chose to speak to investigators without representation. The interview was digitally, audio recorded.

Detective Cervantes has been employed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for twenty years. He has been working OSS as a canine dog handler since 2009. During this incident he assisted the East Los Angeles OSS team with a parole compliance check. Detective Cervantes attended a tactical briefing prior to going to the location at a command post in Los Angeles. The direction of travel to the location, the line up of the team, containment positions and the criminal history of the suspect were discussed during the briefing (*See* ***Detective Cervantes' Transcribed Interview, pages 4-5***). Detective Cervantes was assigned a containment position in the alley behind the target location. He was positioned just west of the location. It was twilight and the weather was "misty." His vision was obstructed due to the ivy covering the chain link fence, but he heard team members' voices and saw illumination from their flashlights as the team approached the residence. He heard, "Get down! Get down! He's fighting or Stop fighting," then he heard glass breaking and someone yelling as though in pain. Shortly after, a "Code 4" was broadcasted over the radio. Detective Cervantes said the incident took four to five minutes from the time he was positioned in the alley until "Code 4" was broadcasted.

Detective Cervantes went to the back of the residence and saw [redacted] rendering aide to Suspect Walker. Detective Cervantes then retrieved a first aid bag from his vehicle and returned to assist. Sergeant Rojas requested fire via Sheriff's Communications Center (*See* ***Detective Cervantes' Transcribed Interview, pages 10-11***).

> **IAB Note**: On a copy of a photograph depicting the rear of the location, Detective Cervantes marked the positions of team members and Suspect Walker once he arrived on scene. See **Exhibit P.**

[redacted] rode in the ambulance with Suspect Walker and Detective Cervantes followed. At the hospital, Suspect Walker told Detective Cervantes it was his fault he was injured because he should not have ran. According to Detective Cervantes, the surgeon commented that the detectives saved Suspect Walker's life because they stopped his bleeding right away.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL WITNESSES:

[redacted] MB/[redacted] was interviewed on August 29, 2013, at 0600 hours by Sergeant Dearmas assigned to OSS Bureau. The interview was video recorded and a copy of the video is included with this case as **Exhibit Q**. The following is a summary of Witness [redacted] interview.

Witness [redacted] is Suspect Walker's [redacted] Two deputies handcuffed him and Witness [redacted] Suspect Walker ran out of the residence and tried to pass the deputies. The deputies "inadvertently" pushed Suspect Walker into the window. Witness [redacted] said the deputies then handcuffed him as he stated he was not resisting arrest. Witness [redacted] added that it was stupid of Witness [redacted] to run without shoes or clothes on.

[redacted] MB/[redacted] was interviewed on August 29, 2013, at 0600 by Sergeant Dearmas assigned to OSS Bureau. The interview was video recorded and a copy of the video is included with this case (See ***Exhibit Q***). The following is a summary of Witness [redacted] interview.

Witness [redacted] saw flashlights and heard deputies walking towards the back of the residence. The back door of the residence opened and Suspect Walker ran. The deputies "tackled" him into the window and "subdued" him. While Suspect Walker was lying on his back, Witness [redacted] saw about four deputies who each had one of Suspect Walker's limbs and were "socking" and "punching" him.

IAB Note: Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] were all inside the residence and did not witness the force incident. In addition, Witness [redacted] was asleep when Suspect Walker fell into the glass window of his residence. He only heard the glass breaking and did not witness the force incident. The above witness statements were videotaped. See **Exhibit Q**.

SUSPECT STATEMENTS:

Suspect Ronnie Walker was interviewed on August 29, 2013, at 0655 hours by Lieutenant Albert Ortiz assigned to OSS Bureau. The interview took place at Olympia Medical Center and was videotaped. The following is a summary of that interview.

For the complete verbatim interview, see attached transcript included in this case under ***Suspect Walker's Transcribed Interviews or the DVD included with this case as Exhibit Q***.

Suspect Walker was in a room sleeping when his [redacted] Witness [redacted] told him the deputies were coming. He then ran out the back door and a deputy "tackled" him. His arm fell through the window and deputies handcuffed him. The ambulance responded and transported him to the hospital. When Lieutenant Ortiz asked Suspect Walker if anybody struck him, he replied, "No, Sir."

> **IAB Note:** This investigator attempted to locate Suspect Walker and was unable to find him. He has a felony no bail parole violation warrant, and two misdemeanor traffic warrants. See **Exhibit F**.

SUSPECT INJURIES:

Suspect Walker sustained a 15 centimeter laceration to his right medial arm (bicep muscle) and a 10 centimeter laceration to his right shoulder (deltoid muscle). His injuries were consistent with falling into a glass window. He needed 15 sutures to repair his bicep muscle and 30 sutures for the skin.

In addition, Suspect Walker required 10 separate deep sutures in the shoulder muscle and another 30 over the skin (*See* ***Witness Doctor Tahernia's Transcribed Interview, page 1***).

> **IAB Note**: Copies of the photographs of Suspect Walker's injuries are included with this case. See **Exhibit G**.